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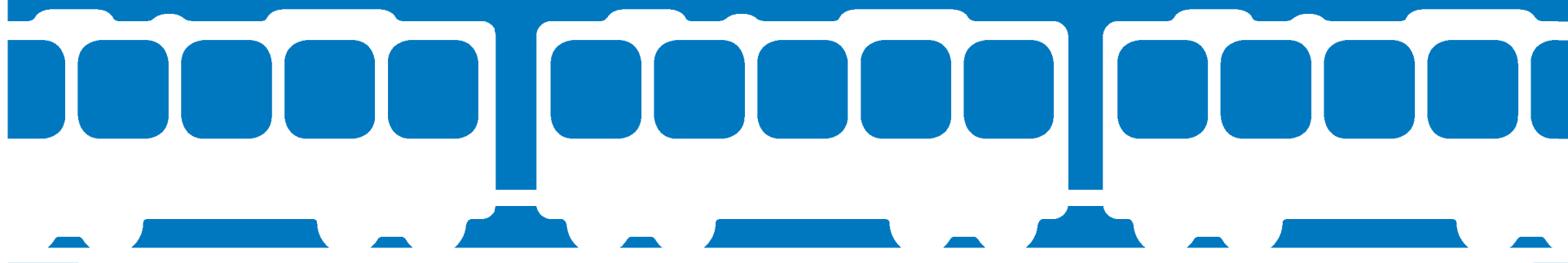
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Valentine's Day was like ...

Curt (@showpatrol): ... any other day for me.

Ernest (@REmixchicago): I got Girl Scout cookies, so "CHOCOLATE COVERED DOMINATION EXPLOSION."

An Phan (@goatking): ... a mirage in the desert.

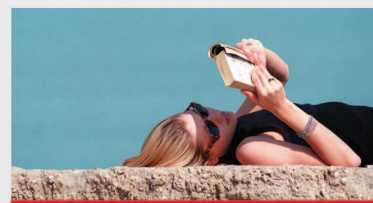


The Grammys were the greatest thing since ...

Curt: ... a poke in the eardrum.

Ernest: ... the final episode of "Sex and the City." Note: I didn't watch either of these.

Brandon Roberts (@yourretro career): ... New Edition's 3rd come-back tour.



The temperature might hit 60 on Thursday. Discuss.

Curt: I will not be coming to work.

Ernest: Sorry, I can't. I'M TOO BUSY POP-LOCKING IN CELEBRATION.

Jessica Six (@funnybunnytoes): Global warming is real!



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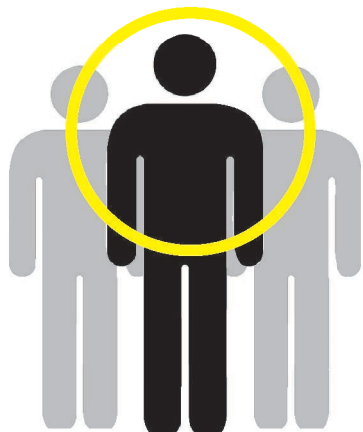
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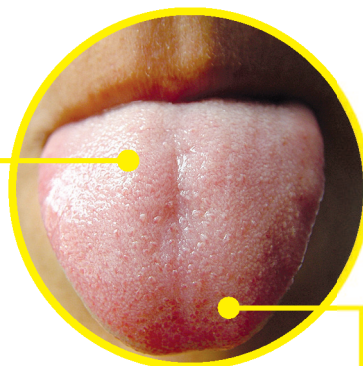
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**90 MILLION**

The number of Americans estimated to suffer from bad breath—about one in three people.

WHAT'S TONGUE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Think of your tongue as a shaggy carpet and your mouth as a mobile chemistry lab. **More than 600 types of bacteria** are found in the average mouth. Many of those bacteria get trapped under the surface of the tongue and cause the bad breath.

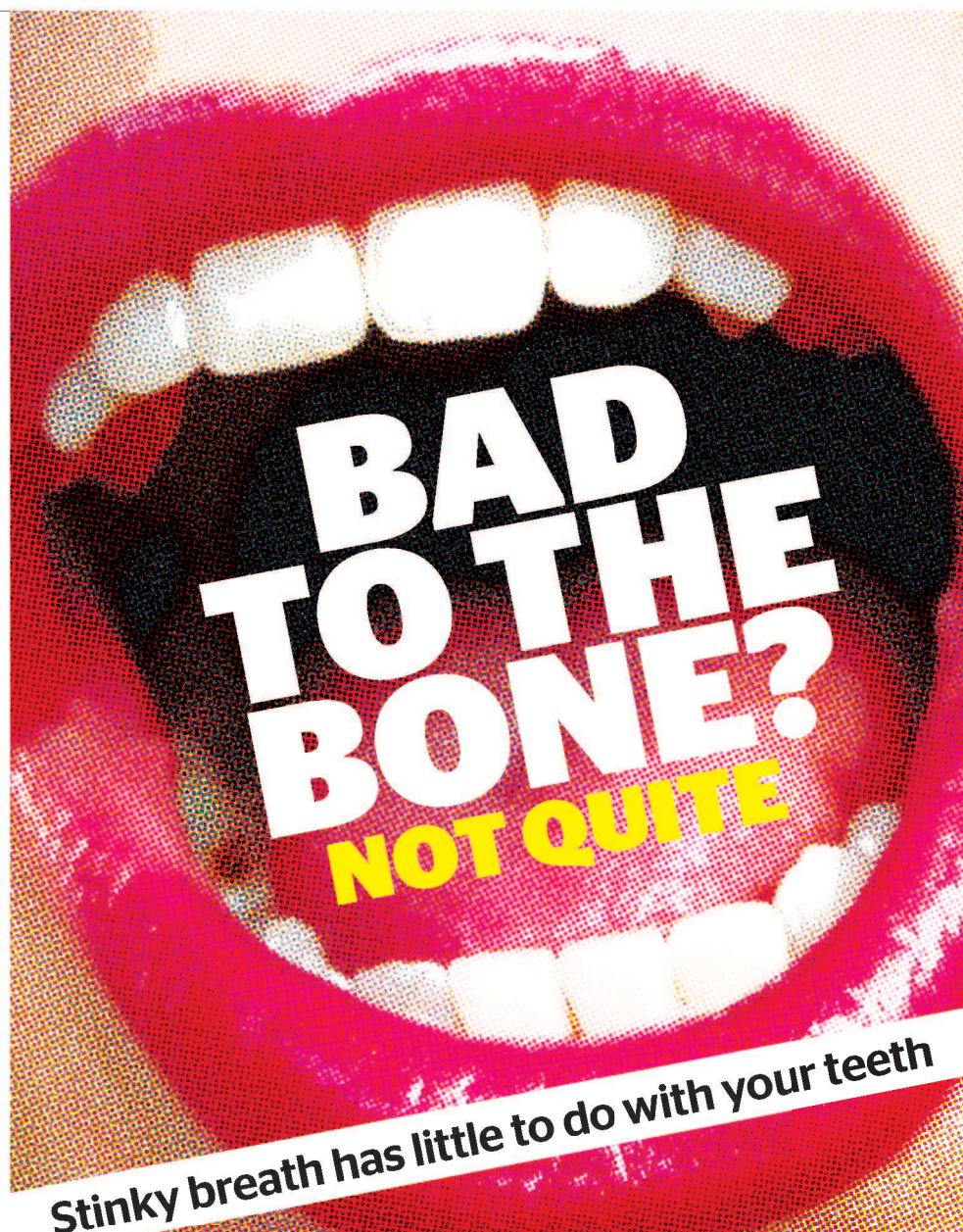
**CHECK YOURSELF BEFORE YOU WRECK YOURSELF**

Most people with stinky breath aren't even aware they have it, because the brain becomes acclimated to one's own personal scent. The good news is there are ways to self-diagnose.

Start with a tongue check.

What color is it? A pink, shiny tongue indicates fresh breath. However, a tongue that's white and scaly in appearance can indicate bad breath, according to Dr. Harold Katz, bacteriologist and founder of the California Breath Clinic.

Smelling your own breath in cupped hands is not the best way to check for halitosis, Katz says. Instead, lick the back of your hand, let it dry for a few seconds, and then smell the surface.



Ida Alvarez avoided close conversations. She was afraid of what someone might tell her. She was pretty sure she had really bad breath.

"It is such an embarrassing situation," said Alvarez, 31, of L.A. "There was always a bitter taste in my mouth, but I didn't want to ask anyone if my breath smelled bad because I was afraid of a negative reply."

Her keep-a-distance approach might be a good strategy given most of our natural reaction to bad breath, also known as halitosis. It can wilt your love life and even cost you that new job, according to surveys. Here are a few facts about everyone's least favorite topic. **CNN**

BEHIND THE BREATH

Some foods can trigger bad breath. Here are just a few that can cause problems.



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**HOW TO FIGHT IT**

Use **mint** and mouthwash for a temporary fix

- » Stay hydrated
- » Watch what you eat

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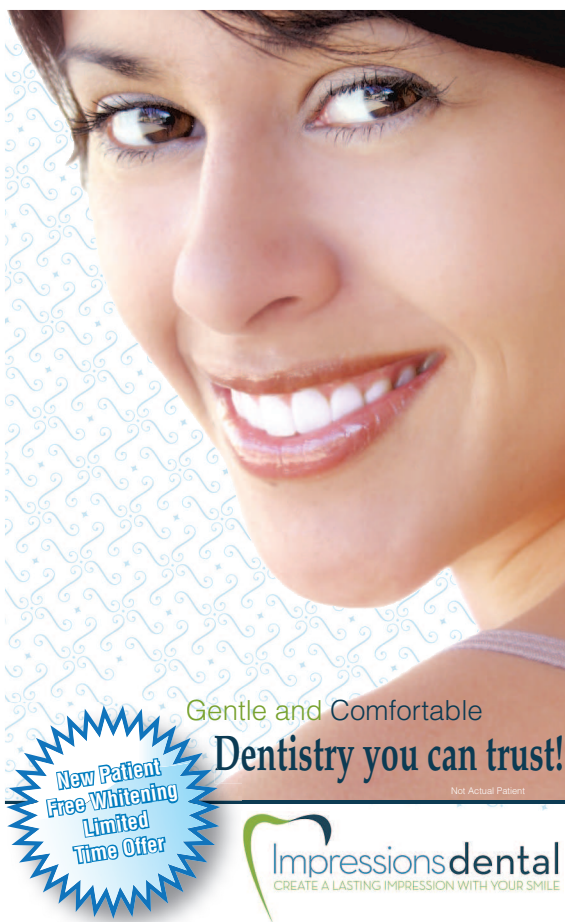
Some foods can fix bad breath. Here are just a few that can combat mouth odor.

Cinnamon

- » Crisp fruits such as apples
- » Crisp vegetables such as celery

BEYOND YOUR CONTROL?

If you modify your lifestyle and eating habits and bad breath still persists, contact your health care provider to make sure it isn't a sign of a more serious medical condition. Roughly 10 percent of bad breath cases are a symptom of chronic sinus or respiratory infection, reflux disease, liver and kidney disorder, cancer or diabetes. These diseases can release chemicals into the body that result in bad breath.



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No. 90-Harlem.

How do mayoral plans compare?

With city elections on Feb. 22, Going Public looks at the transit plans the four leading mayoral contenders have shared with RedEye.

» **MASS TRANSIT FOR THE MASSES:** Part of Carol Moseley Braun's plan is to "grow the CTA with more revenue from more riders with better marketing to tourists and visitors, especially during off-peak times," according to the questionnaire she filled out for RedEye.

Braun would have her work cut out for her. The CTA has seen slight drops in ridership for the past two years. Overall ridership was down about 1 percent last year compared with 2009. The last time the CTA saw an increase in ridership was a 5 percent boost from 2007 to 2008, according to CTA ridership reports.

Off-peak hours saw more declines than weekday ridership. Saturday boardings on average were down 1.2 percent last year while Sunday boardings were down about 2 percent.

Ridership declined in part last year because of service cuts of 18 percent to buses and 9 percent to trains. Fare hikes and further service reductions are a possibility for next year.

» **MORE PUBLIC DISPLAYS:** Gery Chico said if he's elected mayor, he'll "look at innovative ways to bring in more money—like electronic advertising on trains and buses—to rebuild our CTA stations."

In December 2009, the CTA board approved a five-year contract with advertising contractor Titan that would guarantee the CTA at least \$3.3 million for all five years for digital advertising. At the time, there were 92 digital displays at 17 rail stations and 25 digital displays on buses.

To grow digital advertising, there would need to be electronic displays in every CTA station. This also would help the expansion of the Train Tracker program because train arrival information could be displayed along with advertising.

» **WE NEED MONEY, HONEY:** In their RedEye questionnaires, Braun, Miguel del Valle and Rahm Emanuel suggested pushing state lawmakers for increased transit funding.

For years, transit officials have asked the state for a better funding solution, and every so often the CTA receives a Band-Aid for its problems. In 2009, transit officials made a deal with Gov. Quinn not to hike fares in 2010 or 2011 in exchange for \$83 million in cash over two years. This stopgap measure expires this year.

The play's the thing

"EL Stories," a play about the Red Line, portrays nearly two dozen real-life CTA stories, from a rider who cleans her makeup brush on the train seat to a two-man flash mob that wasn't meant to be. The performance runs through Feb. 23 at City Lit Theatre. Go to redeyechicago.com/goingpublic for more on the project and how it got started.



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PLAYGIRLS

FEMALE GAMERS DIVIDED ON WHETHER TO EMBRACE SEXY PERCEPTION

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

Dressed to the nines in swanky dresses or designer jeans while sipping mixed drinks, these women initially look like any other group of young friends enjoying a Friday night out on the North Side.

A closer look, however, reveals that some of the partygoers are passing around a PlayStation 3 controller to take turns playing "Naughty Bear." Others chatter about who's best at "Super Mario Kart."

They are the Sugar Gamers, a girl gaming club partly founded on the idea that it's OK to put on a pair of high heels and red lipstick before firing up an Xbox.

"I wanted to have a comfortable atmosphere where we can hang out and dress up and look cute, yet play video games," said Sugar Gamer founder Keisha Howard, 26, of Lakeview.

The idea of gamers' flaunting their own female attractiveness—or "hotness" as many gamer sites call it—has divided the girl gaming community. Some gamers aren't the least offended by the sexualization of their hobby, while others say that it harms gender equality in gaming.

While female fans make up 40 percent of all video game players, according to a 2010 survey by the Entertainment Software Association, video gaming has remained primarily a boys club in which female characters such as the impossibly proportioned Lara Croft from "Tomb Raider" and paid "booth babes" at conventions hold the attention of a distinctly dude demographic. But recently, gamer girls themselves seem to be grabbing most of the eyeballs—both in pop culture and on the local scene.

In Chicago, the Sugar Gamers have claimed



Video gamers Elise Motzny (from left), Marissa Garza and Katiria DeJesus celebrate Garza's victory playing "Naughty Bear" on PlayStation 3 during a gathering of the Sugar Gamers.

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between 30 and 50 members since Howard created the group in August 2009. And a sexy-but-silly "Super Mario Brothers"-based burlesque show written and produced by a self-proclaimed geek who calls herself MsPixy has been selling out shows at Bucktown's Gorilla Tango Theatre since October.

"There's something very empowering about it for those of us who were nerds growing up and weren't really anything like the object of attraction to the boys in school," said MsPixy, 33, of Lincoln Square, who did not disclose her real name to RedEye. "To grow up and see that there's this ready-made community of people who find that intelligence and a devotion to nerdy things to be attractive and

hot and a reason to pursue someone—that's great."

But not all female gamers are in love with the idea of accentuating their girliness or sexuality.

"I feel like the girls who are using their sexiness, it doesn't help me," said Fruzsina Eordogh, 25, of Lincoln Square.

Eordogh, a freelance video game writer, said she used to play PC games under the screen name "Laser Kitty," but changed it to "Laser Gandalf" because of the perverted or sexualized comments she'd receive from male players who concluded she was female.

"When I play online, I get a lot of comments like 'Show me your boobs,'" Eordogh said. "If a girl wants to be sexy, that's fine, but



I wish I wasn't held to the same standards. I just want to play games, not be stereotyped."

Rachael Kirtley, a self-proclaimed hardcore gamer who competed last year for a professional all-female team for vVv Gaming, believes many women play games "just for the attention."

"There are a lot of girl clans and groups that aren't really serious. They just get on a server and say, 'Ha ha, we're chicks,' and giggle," said Kirtley, 26, of Des Plaines. "It's like the girls who pretend to know about sports and cheer for football because of guys, but yet have no idea what's going on."

Eordogh also points to the existence of new websites such as gamecrush.com to show

GAMER GIRL HALL OF FAME

Gamer girls are grabbing a lot of attention in pop culture these days. R.S.



«A parody of Katy Perry's song "California Gurls" called "Geek and Gamer Girls" has rung up nearly half a million hits on YouTube. In the music video, a group of scantily-clad girls wear gaming headsets and sing "We frag in our sleep / We will pone your ass in Halo." Actor Seth Green, playing the Snoop Dogg role, raps poetic about gamer girls with such lyrics as "The girls are sweet / They can't be beat / Super fine like Peach."»



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Sugar Gamers founder Keisha Howard (from left) handles lead vocals while Rebecca Rothschild and Elise Motzny provide backup in the "Rockband Studio" at Ignite Network in Avondale.

that female gamers still are being ghettoized in the gaming world. At GameCrush and **playwithme.com**, men pay by the minute to play games with attractive women—or "smokin' hotties," as PlayWithMe calls them. GameCrush calls one of its zones "The Edge," using the tagline, "Not for the faint of heart. This could get interesting," where some female gamers are known to perform stripteases for paid customers.

"These aren't adult performers; they are real gamers," GameCrush co-founder Eric Strasser said. "Yes, some girls do get naked on our site, but we don't play up that aspect."

Howard said her group, the Sugar Gamers, doesn't use sex appeal as a primary

means of advertising its site. But Howard said they don't believe that mixing a little sexiness with gaming is a bad thing.

The over-sexualization of gamer girls doesn't bother independent game designer Erin Robinson either.

"It usually means that when there are articles about girl gamers in the media, it's usually sexy photo shoot pictures instead of, you know, me playing 'Peggle' in my room in my robe," said Robinson, 24, who teaches a video game design course at Columbia College. "But I don't judge it. It's a fantasy, I guess, and there is so much about video games that is a fantasy already."

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» Gaming goddesses such as former G4 network host Olivia Munn and actress Felicia Day are becoming household names. Munn now is a correspondent on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" and stars in an NBC sitcom called "Perfect Couples." Day, who has appeared in many Joss Whedon-produced TV shows, produces and stars in a Web series called "The Guild," a comedy about a group of "World of Warcraft" gamers.

» All-girl clans such as the Frag Dolls—whose members would be at home on the cover of *Cosmopolitan*—are becoming a bigger part of the gaming landscape.

» The gaming-related "Boobs and Goombas: A Super Mario Burlesque," has been extended at Gorilla Tango Theatre, 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave. Showtimes are 11 p.m. Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26. Tickets are \$15 at **gorillatango.com**.

Confessions of a celebrity gamer

Jessica Chobot is in the middle of Year 5 of her 15 minutes of fame. Now an on-camera host and staff writer for video game website **ign.com**, Chobot became famous for a photo in which she licked a Sony PSP. She also has made appearances on various TV shows, wrote a column for *Maxim* magazine and once was named one of *AskMen's* 100 Most Desirable Women. Chobot spoke with RedEye recently about girls and games. **R.S.**

Would you consider yourself the Queen of Gamer Girls?

Dear God, that is a pretty amazing question. No, I don't think that. That's weird. There's a lot of good girl gamers out there—plenty before I came out on the scene that deserve the title a little bit more.

What do you think when you hear that term "Gamer Girl" used?

It's a mixed feeling. Part of me does the eyeroll and the sigh and the "here we go again with this." Part of me likes it because without that title and trend a couple years ago, I probably would have never gotten a job.

What's it like to be a female working in the game industry?

As a female, to start out in this business isn't for the weak of heart. There is good and bad. The good being that there's not a lot of us and because our main demographic is men who would like to see a female on camera, you get more opportunities. But a bad part is that you're also a target and there's plenty of people that take advantage of that, especially on the Internet where you can be anonymous.

How do you feel about the way females are portrayed in games themselves these days?

I never had a problem with it. There's plenty of ridiculous male characters where no man could possibly attain that physique or

amount of cool, just as no girl could attain that natural size of huge breasts and run around in nothing but underwear. But games have always been about fantasy, so I never really take it too seriously. If the guys are made to have 12-packs and huge arms, girls can deal with a little bit of T&A as well.

Looking back, how do you feel about the PSP-licking picture?

I don't want to say I hate it, I definitely don't. I think it's a hot picture and I'm thrilled that it became a meme, but it drives me crazy that some people still think that's the only thing I have to offer.



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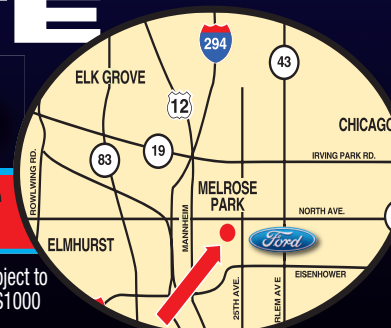
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Commuters wait for a CTA bus last year on Sheridan Road. On Monday, Gov. Quinn signed a bill that limits free mass transit rides for senior citizens. CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE



Ride reversal

Gov. Quinn signs bill limiting seniors' free trips on mass transit

Chicago Tribune

It's the end of free rides for most senior citizens on Chicago-area buses and trains.

Gov. Quinn signed legislation Monday limiting free rides on the CTA, Metra and Pace to low-income seniors age 65 or older.

Legislators, transportation experts and others said the income limits are necessary for transit agencies to combat shrinking revenues while still providing free service to the neediest.

Of the 435,000 seniors currently enrolled in the free-rides program, about 44 percent are estimated to be low-income, according to the Regional Transportation Authority.

The free rides won't end immediately. The RTA said Monday that it will issue new photo ID cards for seniors who don't qualify as low-income so they can receive the reduced fare. By law, the RTA has six months to start the new program, but it will be sooner rather than later, the agency said.

All other seniors will have to pay half-

fare for buses and trains once again, in accord with federal law. That's the way things were before former Gov. Rod Blagojevich hatched the free rides program three years ago.

Unlike some other bill signings, Quinn approved the measure with little fanfare Monday, opting to pen the measure in private.

Quinn previously had said he would not scale back the program but changed his mind after the General Assembly passed the measure by overwhelming votes in January.

"This reform sets the standard we must meet for state programs by reducing costs while also ensuring transportation services for our most dependent seniors," Quinn said in a statement.

The free rides cost the CTA, Metra and Pace between \$38 million and \$116 million last year, according to a report from UIC.

One retiree, Michael Brennan, said Monday he was glad only low-income seniors

will benefit.

"I like to see people get help who need it. That's better than giving everyone free rides just because they're of a certain age," the Chicago resident said.

Brennan, 72, said he chose to pay full fare anyway. "The CTA needs the money to keep going," Brennan said. "It's the lifeblood of the city."

The free-rides program was initiated and hastily sent to the Legislature in 2008 by Blagojevich, who attached the measure to a bill increasing the sales tax to fund mass transit.

Under the new law, only seniors who qualify for the Illinois Department on Aging's Circuit Breaker program will be eligible for the free rides.

To qualify, a single senior would have to have an annual income of \$27,610 or less. A household of two would have to have an annual income of less than \$36,635. For households of three or more, the annual income would have to be \$45,657 or less.

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TALKING POINTS

RedEye asked the front-runner mayoral candidates to sound off on one thing—anything really—every day in the week before the Feb. 22 election. Here's Tuesday's batch.

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My crime plan puts more cops on the street, provides comprehensive afterschool programs so that our kids spend more time in the class-

room than on the street corner and pushes for stronger gun control laws.

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4 injured in crashes with train cars at rail crossing

Chicago Tribune

Black tanker cars camouflaged by pre-dawn darkness and a deactivated railroad warning system covered up any hint of the terrifying automobile collisions with a freight train that were about to occur early Monday morning.

About 3:07 a.m., first one car, then a second one approaching from the opposite side of the tracks struck the stopped train that was blocking the crossing in the 9000 block of South Halsted Street, officials said. Four people were injured.

The automated gates and warning devices at the crossing had been disabled Saturday because of a buildup of road salt that interfered with the electronic circuitry, according to investigators with the Federal Railroad Administration.

But residents of the nearby Gresham neighborhood said they noticed problems with the crossing in the past few weeks.

Authorities on Monday were collecting inspection, testing and maintenance records to determine whether the crossing had also been removed from service earlier, said Warren Flatau, spokesman for the federal railroad agency.

In any case, the unlucky drivers who happened upon the crossing Monday morning smashed their vehicles into a train they simply didn't see—and likely couldn't possibly see, authorities said.

"There were no flares. There were no flashers. There was nothing," Dahveed Morris, 44, said by phone from Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where he was being treated for injuries to his head, neck, back, shoulders and knee.

The investigation will take months, but the absence of a functioning rail-crossing warning system was a key factor contributing to the crashes, officials said.



A friend of a victim of the 2008 Valentine's Day shootings at Northern Illinois University tears up during a memorial service on the three-year anniversary of the tragedy. **SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE**

A sad anniversary

NIU marks 3 years since 5 students were shot to death

Chicago Tribune

It's hard for Patrick Korellis to watch a movie in a dark theater or enjoy a play in a packed auditorium without memories rushing back to him of Valentine's Day 2008, when he was shot in the head.

"When I'm in a space like that I automatically look for my escape route," said Korellis, 25, who was in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University's Cole Hall when a former student stepped onto the stage and shot five students to death and injured 19 others, including Korellis.

Korellis, now an alumnus of NIU, joined in a ceremony Monday at the DeKalb campus in which

mourners laid wreaths at a memorial site for the students slain by Steven Kazmierczak, who killed himself after the massacre.

Simi Appolito, 21, remembers vividly where she was the day shots rang out.

Appolito, now a senior, would have had been in the room next to where the shootings took place waiting for a class to start but decided instead to check her grades in the library. "The thought of being so close to it and being a part of it definitely was a changing point in my life," she said.

Korellis said he is haunted when he hears of other acts of gun violence such as the recent shooting in Tucson, Ariz. But he sends letters to survivors of such shootings to let them know what he's learned.

"I try to lived my life day by day," Korellis said. "I'm learning not to take life for granted."

Blago wants more tapes released

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Monday asked a federal judge to release more than 100 calls recorded during the federal probe into his administration, arguing they challenge the government's allegation that he was trying to sell a U.S. Senate seat.

The potholes are coming

Though city officials have gotten relatively few complaints this year, they expect the number of pothole reports to jump this week with the anticipated rise in daytime temperatures. Potholes typically develop during freeze-thaw cycles, but because this winter's temperatures have mostly stayed below freezing, it appears fewer potholes have turned up.

West Side man, 20, shot to death

A 20-year-old West Side man was shot and killed Monday morning following a minor traffic accident blocks from his home, authorities said. The victim was crossing the street on the 600 block of South Sacramento Avenue when he was struck by a passing vehicle, according to a police source. Unhurt, Williams got up and began quarreling with the driver, who got out of his vehicle and shot Williams, the source said. **TRIBUNE**

2 students shot outside South Side high school

Chicago Tribune

Two South Shore High School students were shot Monday while waiting for a bus outside the school at about the time classes were dismissed, officials said.

The students, ages 17 and 18, are expected to survive their injuries, authorities said.

The two were among a group of students waiting for a bus at East 75th Street and South Constance Avenue about 2:40 p.m. when a gunman approached and opened fire, striking the two teens, Chicago Police Cmdr. Christopher Fletcher said.

The gunman fled north on foot.

One of the wounded students flagged down a westbound bus and paramedics were called, CTA officials said.

No one was in custody as of late Monday, and the motive for the shooting was unclear.

Investigators will be examining footage from the bus and a nearby surveillance camera.

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Energy drink warning

Energy drinks that contain high levels of caffeine and other stimulants may put some children and young adults at risk for serious health problems and should be regulated, U.S. researchers said Monday.

Shooting suspect in custody

1 A suspect was in custody Monday after one person was shot late in the morning on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, a school spokesman said. The gun allegedly used in the incident was confiscated.

Flap over specialty plate

2 The Mississippi NAACP has called on Gov. Haley Barbour to publicly denounce an attempt by a Confederacy group to honor a Ku Klux Klan leader with a specialty license plate, the organization said Monday.

Auction for Middleton dress

3 The see-through dress worn by Kate Middleton at a university fashion show at which she caught the eye of an admiring Prince William goes up for auction next month.

Butterfly numbers soar

4 Monarch butterfly colonies in Mexico more than doubled in size this winter after bad storms devastated their numbers a year ago, conservationists said Monday, although the migrating insect remains under threat.

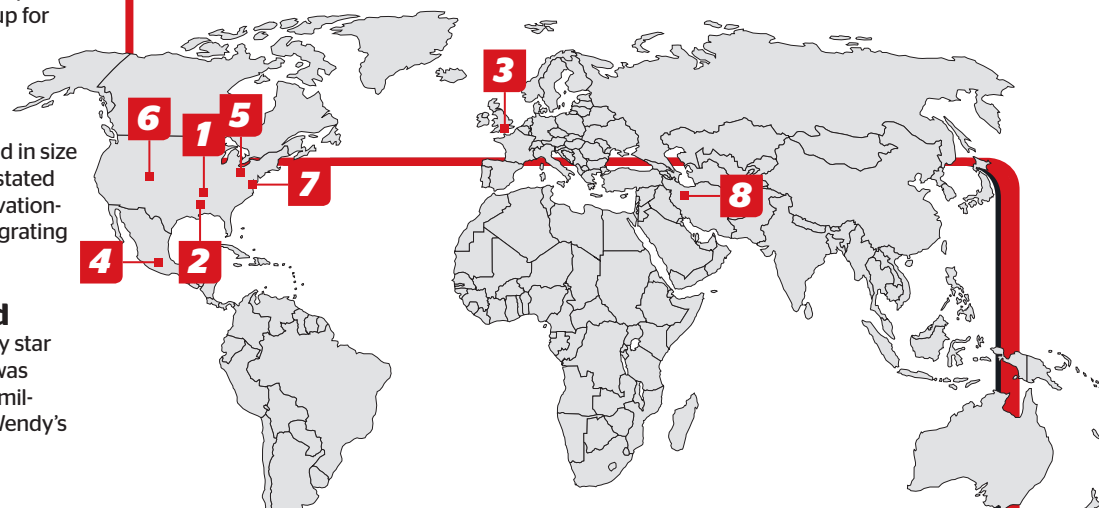
Former star QB charged

5 Former Ohio State University star quarterback Art Schlichter was charged Monday with stealing \$1 million from the widow of a former Wendy's chairman and chief executive.



Snow vows

6 Dan Vardamis and his wife, Elaine, of Nederland, Colo., renew their vows Monday at the Loveland Ski Area during a mass wedding ceremony held at 12,050 feet above sea level. More than 75 couples registered to get married or renew their vows at the annual event. GETTY IMAGES



Obama's budget has both sides seeing red

7 **WASHINGTON** The plan wasn't even officially out before the criticism started rolling in.

President Obama's proposed \$3.7 trillion budget was slammed by the left and the right Monday. Outraged liberals called it a callous assault on the poor; dismissive conservatives labeled it a debt-riddled assault on future generations.

Which raises the question: Is Obama's budget blueprint exactly what the president needs to capture the broad political center in the run-up to 2012?

The president's fiscal year 2012 budget would cut deficits by \$1.1 trillion over the next decade, according to White House estimates.

Two-thirds of the deficit cuts would come from spending reductions; one-third would come from tax hikes.

The plan includes a five-year freeze on nonsecurity discretionary spending. Some programs, such as low-income heating assistance, would face the budget knife. New limits would be placed on deductions for home mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

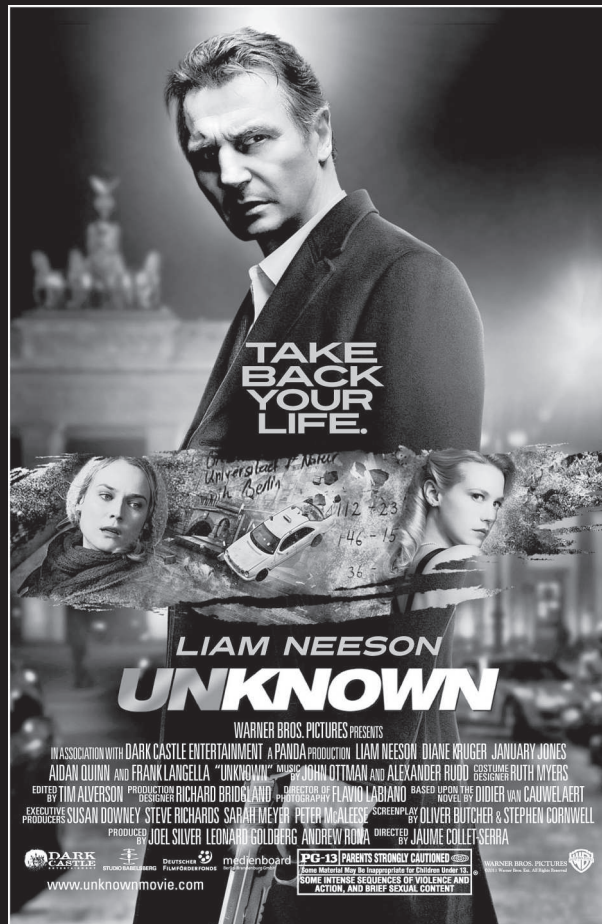
But the most expensive and politically popular programs—including Medicare and Social Security—would remain largely untouched, against the recommendations of Obama's own deficit reduction commission.

While it trims annual deficits, the president's budget still would add \$7.2 trillion to the nation's publicly held debt by 2021.

Protests spread in Gulf countries

8 **TEHRAN, IRAN** Street clashes broke out across the Persian Gulf region Monday as demonstrators in Iran, Bahrain and Yemen sought to capitalize on the recent uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia and swept into the streets, where they were met by riot police.

The tumult in a region normally kept tranquil under the heavy-handed security of conservative Gulf regimes underscored the widening reverberations of new pro-democracy movements in the Middle East, though the protesters' numbers have been small in comparison with the demonstrations that brought down the government of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt last week.



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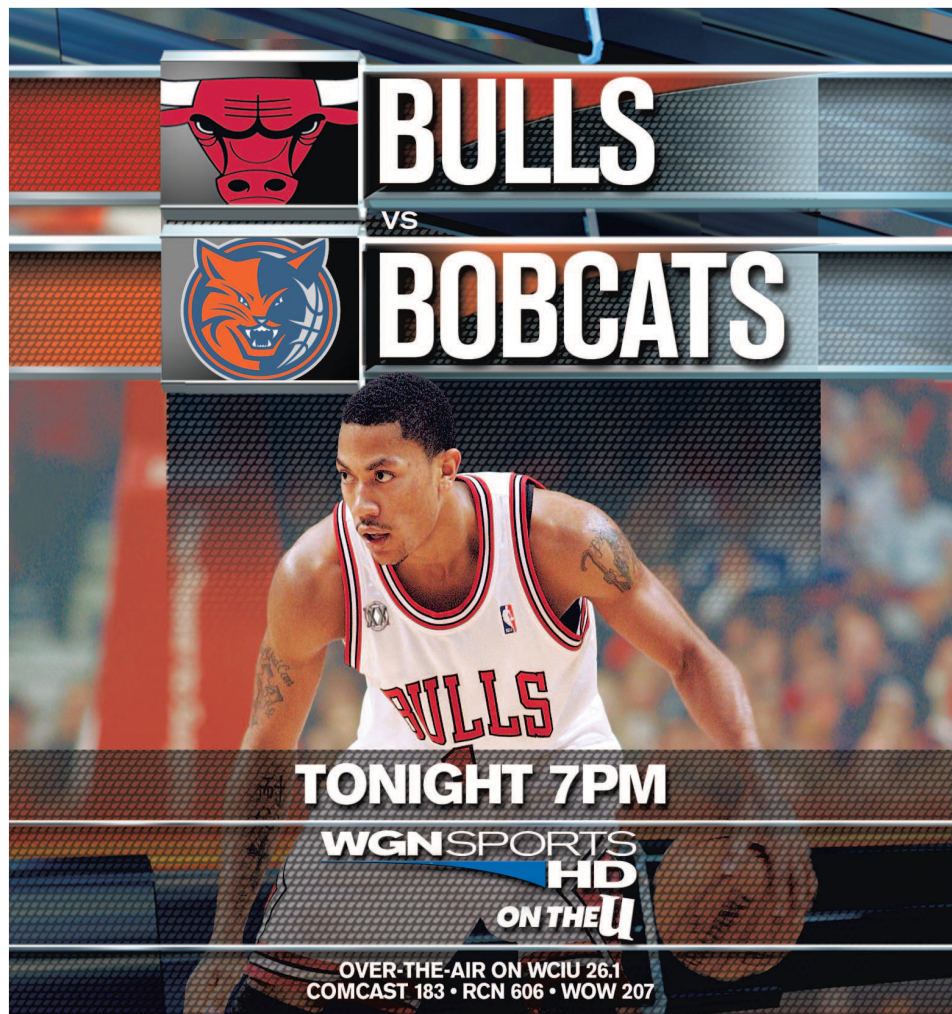


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- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 11:25, 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30
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- **Tangled** (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30
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- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:15, 8:00
- AMC Independent **Another Year** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45
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CARLOS THE CLOSER

**CUBS SIGN MARMOL TO
3-YEAR, \$20 MILLION DEAL**

Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. Carlos Marmol is an enigma of sorts—a successful closer whose control issues have been legendary throughout his brief career.

Relievers who walk and hit as many batters as Marmol tend to pitch in the middle innings and usually are subject to demotion to the minors at a moment's notice.

But Marmol also is one of the most unhittable pitchers in the game, and set a major-league record last year with 15.99 strikeouts per nine innings.

The Cubs believe Marmol's wild streaks are part of the reason for his success, and they rewarded the 28-year-old with a three-year, \$20 million deal Monday, avoiding arbitration and taking him through his first year of free agency.

"Obviously, the numbers the kid puts up and the year he had last year are starting to approach the upper echelon [closers] in the game," general manager Jim Hendry said. "He's 28, he's never had any health issues. Hopefully he can keep getting a little better and stay healthy, and you probably have one of your better guys in the business."

"He's obviously handled the big market, handled the big stage, and he's a good teammate."

A converted minor league catcher, Marmol was a reliable setup man who took over as closer in August 2009 after Kevin Gregg failed in the role. Since then, he has converted 49 of 54 save opportunities, a sterling 91 percent success rate.

The amiable Dominican was glad to get the contract situation over with after negotiations began in early December.

Cubs closer Carlos Marmol converted 38 of 43 save opportunities in 2010, and on Monday he and the team agreed to a three-year contract.

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Cubs pitchers and catchers warm up during spring training Monday at Fitch Park in Mesa, Ariz. **USPRESSWIRE**

"I feel very proud," he said. "Three more years with the Cubs—I feel blessed."

The Cubs backloaded the deal, paying him \$3.2 million this year, \$7 million in 2012 and \$9.8 million in 2013. Marmol also has a limited no-trade clause.

Marmol's slider is his bread-and-butter pitch, and if he learns to throw his fastball for strikes with more consistency, he could become the most dominant closer outside the Bronx. But he averaged 6.03 walks per nine innings in 2010, second-worst among National League relievers.

As much as the Cubs would like him to cut down on the walks, they understand it keeps batters guessing.

"I feel it helps him," catcher Geovany Soto said. "Pitchers that have a lot of strikeouts also have a lot of walks. They're power pitchers. Marmol needs that [wildness]. He doesn't really hit his spot that well, but it's consistent in the zone, and he has that big breaking pitch that makes Marmol who he is."

"Sometimes the hitters are a little sarcastic, walking up, [saying], 'Hey, take it easy on me,' or 'Don't throw me that slider until I get two strikes.' He's been an unbelievable reliever—among the top three in my book. There is no doubt he's earned that deal."

The pressure of being a Cubs closer is immense. Just ask Gregg, who lasted only four months before being demoted in favor of Marmol. Having watched Ryan Dempster and Gregg get booed off the mound after blowing games as closers, Marmol knows the drill.

He also has heard boos but has been able to bounce back from bad outings without letting it affect his psyche. Marmol doesn't get flustered when he walks a few batters to start an inning, knowing he's capable of striking out

Big Z wants his numbers to do the talking

MESA, Ariz. It was last spring when Carlos Zambrano assured the Tribune he would not act up on the field as he had in the past. It was hard to believe after all the controversies he'd created, but Zambrano insisted he was sincere.

"For real," he said. "I am almost sure—99.9 percent. When you're sure of something, you go ahead and do it—and execute it. Seriously."

But the 99.9 percent guarantee turned out to be worthless. Zambrano went bonkers June 25 after a first-inning meltdown against the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field, leading to a suspension, anger-management counseling and a brief demotion to the bullpen.

Can Big Z stay out of trouble in 2011? "What do you think?" he replied.

Doubtful.

"Yeah," he said. "I don't want to say anything. I just want to talk with my numbers. That's what I want to do." **TRIBUNE**

the next three.

"I never worry about my control," he said. "I worry about getting three outs before they score against me."

"He's certainly not afraid," Hendry said. "He's proven that."

The Cubs could've waited another year before giving Marmol a big payday, since he wasn't eligible for free agency until after 2012. But the security was important to Marmol, along with the chance to stay with the organization he grew up in.

"It's not just about money," Marmol said. "I feel good here in Chicago. Hopefully I can sign a 10-year deal [after 2013]."

Signs of spring

Spring training is here, and if you didn't know before we just told you, the news of the day surely would have given it away. **REDEYE**

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Yes, there's already a Twitter account and website devoted to bringing the St. Louis Cardinals superstar to the Cubs next season. See, it's already next year for some Cubs fans.

Carlos Silva out

Just like clockwork, as soon as spring training began, a Cubs player was out. Monday it was Carlos Silva leaving with a fever.

Carlos Zambrano talking crazy

Leave it to the unpredictable Cubs pitcher to say something absolutely nutty. "I don't want to talk this year. I don't want to say anything. I just want to talk with my numbers. That's what I want to do." We'll see about that, Big Z.

Cubs overpay—again

The Cubs gave closer Carlos Marmol a three-year, \$20 million deal. That's a lot of money for inconsistency.

Jenks vs. Guillens, Round Infinity

It wouldn't be baseball without a Guillen family member making headlines. This time it was former White Sox closer Bobby Jenks talking about Oney Guillen. "I don't need to get in a battle of words," he told **espn.com** Sunday. "He had his moment and that was it." Oh, snap.

Famous last words

If it's not Ryan Dempster guaranteeing a World Series, it's Kerry Wood predicting a National League Central title. "We have a good enough team to surprise some people and win our division, no doubt," Wood said Monday. Oh, they'll never learn.

The legend of Derrick Rose

There's something happening here.

Every time you watch the Bulls, you're witnessing something you'll tell your kids about. Something that will be remembered nostalgically for years in the way old sports-writers talk about Mickey Mantle or Bill Simmons talks about Larry Bird.

And somehow I don't think Chicago's noticing yet.

Derrick Rose can do anything.

Take Sunday against the Hornets. Rose's drive-to-the-hoop, spinning lay-in move was a career highlight for many players. But in a game where he put up an impossible floating jumper with a guy in his face that naturally fell because Rose shot it, it was just another Rose play.

And that's just the beginning.

With the luster of the Hawks winning that Stanley Cup wearing off and the Bears losing that NFC title game, the Chicago sports world has rightfully diverted its attention to Rose and the Bulls.

There's no reason to think the Bulls can't compete with anyone in the league. It's almost impossible to count them out of any game. Why? They have Rose—and their opponents don't.

Rose is just going to get more and more noticed. MVP talk is being thrown around as if he's the favorite. Let's face it, there's no more mainstream support than Rick Reilly writing about him winning the MVP. But Rose is bigger than an MVP. The real question isn't if he'll win it this year (he will) or even how many he will win in his career (I'll set the over/under at three), but where can he take the Bulls? We're talking championships. With an "s."

Already, Rose is the third most talented player in Chicago sports history. And even suggesting he's better than Walter Payton or Michael Jordan is sacrilegious. But I'm not ruling it out.

Earlier in the year he played after spending a night in the hospital. The biggest off-the-court problem he's faced in his career has been his fondness for eating apples in bed. He's the anti-Jay Cutler. He's not just "Worth the Price of Admission" talent. He's "I Wish I Were Richer So I Could Buy Season Tickets" talent.

It's time to take notice. The legend is just beginning.

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fiveonfive

Spring back

Cubs and White Sox fever has already taken over our panelists. The first symptom: Talking favorably about the season. Suckers!



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1 How does the first day of spring training make you feel?

Like getting a fresh new look, a la Scott Bolohan, who's looking very Nick Carter these days ... gurl!

Excited to have my soul slowly sucked out of me over the next eight months.

Like a little girl with a brand-new pony. Yippie. Giddyup!

Envious of the pitchers and catchers down in the Arizona weather.

I get nostalgic for those days when Phil used me to sneak beer into the office for Cubs broadcasts.

2 What's the craziest Albert Pujols rumor we're going to hear this season?

By law, at least one rumor must involve a reality show and/or Rihanna.

He's never done steroids.

"Did Mark McGwire give you any Andro to help you through this tough period in your career?"

He's pregnant.

He'll sign with the Yankees for \$600 billion. Actually, that's not crazy. They'd pay it.

3 Predict one surprise we'll see during the Cubs or White Sox's spring training.

Lastings Milledge will change his name to Lasting Mileage in anticipation of minor-league travel plans.

Usher will drop in from the sky.

We'll finally understand what Ozzie says and Zambrano will reveal he wears a leotard under his uniform.

The managers will behave and use no profanities.

During one incredible three-day stretch, the Cubs will not have one injury.

4 What are the chances the Bulls can beat the Charlotte Bobcats this time around?

About the same chance Tiger Woods spent Valentine's Day wallowing in ... um, his misery?

Better than there really being a team named the Charlotte Bobcats. Nice try, question guy.

The same as D-Rose winning the MVP honor. Pretty good odds at this point.

A million percent—with Joakim Noah back.

As good as the chances the Blackhawks will hoist me this season. On second thought, I'm all they could win.

5 How close are you to giving up on the Blackhawks' playoff chances?

They're about as close as Justin Bieber is to getting a Grammy. Too soon?

Closer than I'd let Patrick Kane to my theoretical sister.

Pretty much the same chance as me singing during the 7th-inning stretch at a Cubs game. Slim to none!

Not even close. With how crazy the West is, they could end up in first.

As long as they have Kane, Toews and Hossa, I won't give up until they are officially out of it.

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Derrick Rose says Charlotte's ability to create matchup problems is why the Bulls have struggled against the Bobcats this season. The teams next tangle Tuesday at the United Center. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**

Bad Charlotte

Bulls want revenge on Bobcats

Derrick Rose didn't mince words about Tuesday's matchup against the Bobcats.

"We want revenge," he said, an edge to his tone.

Rose also succinctly distilled one large contributing factor to why the Bulls have dropped both meetings with Charlotte this season.

"They create matchup problems," Rose said. "But if we play aggressive and with energy, that game should be very easy for us, especially because we've been wanting to play them."

A big reason the Bulls have experienced as much success as they have this season is their ability to correct mistakes. So the blip that was defensive slippage

in consecutive losses to Golden State and Portland turned into solid second-half defense at Utah and sterling fourth-quarter defense at New Orleans in back-to-back victories on a 3-2 trip.

To right the wrongs the Bulls have committed against the Bobcats, taking care of the ball would be a good place to start.

"In the last game here, we turned the ball over and they converted in transition," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "They're highly skilled with guys who can go off the dribble. Plus, they were live-ball turnovers that put them in the open floor."

The Bobcats scored 25 points off 14 Bulls turnovers in their one-point road victory Jan. 18, the Bulls' only home loss in their past 14 United Center appearances.



Tiger Woods will be fined for spitting on a green this weekend in the Dubai Desert Classic. Come on, Tiger. That's your place. You don't see me peeing on RedEye's floor. You can't see me, right?



MERRY KRIS-MAS

Ex-Blackhawk Kris Versteeg was traded from Toronto to Philadelphia on Monday, Valentine's Day, appropriately enough. His main mission: Slap that d-bag Chris Pronger upside the head.

CRY LIKE A BEAGLE

Philadelphia's Michael Vick guests on Oprah Winfrey's show Thursday. I hope to God she makes him cry like she does her other guests. Sob story, indeed.

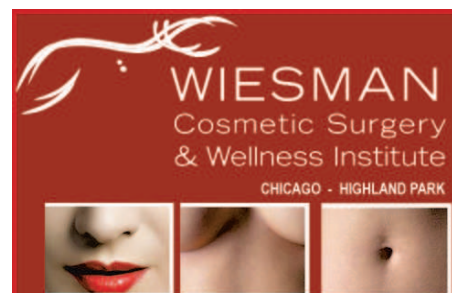
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» Gus Johnson has become the hot college basketball announcer, and fans can win a chance to meet him at the Big Ten men's basketball tourney by creating their own Gus Johnson moment for the Big Ten Network. Details: bit.ly/begus.

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Political parties

6 places to seek out election season's less serious side

By Jessica Galliart

After almost four months of a tiresome election season, we're finally inching closer to the finish line. With Feb. 22, the D-Day of Chicago elections, almost upon us, we take a look at a few of the best shows and events around town to make the season a bit less painful—and enjoy the “party” part of your respective political party. JESSICA GALLIART IS THE METROMIX EVENTS AND THEATER PRODUCER. JGALLIART@TRIBUNE.COM



'The Alderman Ed Bus Victory Party (and Variety Show)'
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FRONT-RUNNERS

'The Alderman Ed Bus Victory Party (and Variety Show)'

Gallery Cabaret,
2020 N. Oakley Ave.

When: 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Cost: \$10

You might say Ed Bus isn't your typical candidate for mayor. The fictional alderman of the even more fictional 53rd Ward—which is identified as the island in the middle of the Damen, Fullerton and Elston intersection—makes campaign promises to initiate a \$1,500 tax to any new authentic Irish bar (“We have enough,” he says) and cut down on crime by tricking gang members into being arrested with a false claim letter of lottery winnings. Created by long-running comedy troupe Schadenfreude, the alderman will host his victory party with stand-up and sketch performances, as

well as many mock celebrity endorsements. Former Alderman Burt Natarus is set to appear, as well as Che “Rhymefest” Smith and 32nd Ward Alderman Scott Waguespack. “I’ve been good to you; it’s time to be good to me,” says Bus, portrayed by Justin Kaufmann. “If you don’t show and you don’t endorse Bus, I will remember. I will spend my life making your life a living hell.”

Chicago A.D.

Jackson Junge Gallery,
1389 N. Milwaukee Ave.

When: Hours vary, Tuesday-Sunday, through May 6

Cost: Free

What might a Chicago without Daley look like? Artists make their best guesses at what life after Daley will look like with 23 works shown at the gallery’s latest exhibit, now extended through May. Some works address past

controversies such as the parking meter privatization and the expansion of O’Hare. “It’s not so much about Mayor Daley, it’s really about our city and about us,” gallery director Chris Jackson said. “It’s looking forward as well to where life in Chicago is headed.”

Chicago Live!

Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays

Cost: \$20

Commiserate with a group about your post-election hangover at the weekly Chicago Live! series, created and launched by The Second City and the Chicago Tribune. With lineups of guests ranging from burlesque performers and celebrity chefs to political candidates and poetry groups, the stage show with sketches from The Second City thrown in presents the best of Chicago talent and news in entertainment form.

“It is bringing the paper to life onstage,” host Rick Kogan said. “The aim is first to entertain and a bit to inform, but I think at its best it can be enlightening.” The Feb. 24 show features a post-election panel hosted by Chicago Tribune columnist Eric Zorn, a chat with chef Grant Achatz, stand-up from comedian and political satirist Will Durst and more.

'Goodbye Dick: The Richard Daley Story'

Gorilla Tango Theatre,
1919 N. Milwaukee Ave.

When: Fridays, March 4-25

Cost: \$12

Playwright David Elliot has had his sights set on a full-length show about da mayor for some time now. The plot: Shortly after Mayor Daley’s exit, Elliot launches a comedy at the Bucktown theater about Daley’s last few days in office, when he realizes he has

finished only five pages of his memoir. The solution? Create some chaos in the city to provide fodder, with help from friends like Oprah—who turns into Godzilla—Elton John and Bono, who begin attacking citizens. Born from a previous sketch he wrote about Bono attempting to persuade the mayor to go to any lengths to obtain the Olympics bid for Chicago, Elliot said “it seemed like a timely time to take that to the next level.”



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Rock the Vote Nights

Rockit Bar & Grill,
22 W. Hubbard St.

Party with candidates Miguel del Valle and Gery Chico for a post-debate bash at the bar, with a special guest performance by “American Idol” winner Lee DeWyze. 8-10 p.m. Thursday. No cover. RSVP required: rockthevote@rockitranch.com.

TUESDAY TACO AND MARGARITA DEALS



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THE CALL
\$4 Suaza margaritas; 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-334-2525.

COCKTAIL
\$2 tacos; 3359 N. Halsted St. 773-477-1420.

DOS DIABLOS
\$8 Don Julio margaritas; 15 W. Hubbard St. 312-245-5252.
FIVE STAR BAR
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MICKEYS
\$2 tacos; 2450 N. Clark St. 773-435-0007.

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MYSTIC CELT
\$5 margaritas; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

THE ORBIT ROOM
\$7 fish tacos; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

THE PONY
\$1 tacos; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

SEDGWICK'S
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THE TWISTED LIZARD
\$2 beef and chicken tacos; 1964 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-929-1414.

UNION PARK
\$3 for two tacos; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

TUESDAY CONCERTS

ALY JADOS
9:30 p.m. Fedora Lounge, 712 N. Clark St. 312-624-9008.

CHAMBERLIN, MIKE GOLDEN, DICK PRALL
8 p.m. \$8-\$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

CITY STATES, FUTURE Ghosts, Moon Furies
8 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

FENCES, THE PEAR TRAPS, GREAT GRAY BUILDINGS
9 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

GOLDEN HORSE RANCH
9:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

KILLER MOON, CZAR, ANGEL EYES
9 p.m. \$8. Empty

Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

KIM SCHAEFER, BRAD PETERSON
8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

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8 p.m. \$10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

OCEANS OVER AIRPLANES, ZIKR, OLIVER THOMPSON
8 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

PINTO AND THE BEAN, HEMMING-BIRDS, JET W. LEE,

TINY BONES
9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

SEXFIST, ERIC NAS-SAU
8 p.m. \$5. The Kinetic Playground, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483.

SOJA, MAMBO SAUCE, CHRIS BOOMER
8 p.m. \$15. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501.

TREMOLUX, JOHN LANGFORD
8 p.m. \$8. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

UMBRA AND THE VULCAN SIEGE, GRAHAM PARSON AND THE GO-ROUNDS, SERYN
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Wait for it ...

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

They might not be in a hurry to reveal who the mother is on "How I Met Your Mother," but maybe that's because Ted, Robin and the rest of the gang have so much else going on right now. RedEye checked in to see who's crazy-busy and who's cooling their heels in 2011.

Coming soon to movie theaters: the cast of 'How I Met Your Mother'

Cobie Smulders (Robin)

Smulders' career is about to get extra-super. The former/ongoing love of Ted's life has been cast as Maria Hill, sidekick to Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury in the Joss Whedon-directed "Avengers," **mtv.com** reports. No word yet as to whether her Robin Sparkles singing skills will come in handy.

Neil Patrick Harris (Barney)

NPH is nearly impossible to avoid these days. (And why would you want to?) The near-constant awards show presenter/host will be popping up in two movies of significant ridiculousness this year—"A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas" and "The Smurfs," the latter of which opens Aug. 3. We're sure "Harold & Kumar" will feature more of Harris' signature impression of "Neil Patrick Harris," but will he be outshone by Smurfs as one of that movie's few humans?

Josh Radnor (Ted)

Radnor isn't exactly known for his film career (we completely missed him as a tour guide in "Not Another Teen Movie"), so we were pretty shocked to learn that he starred in, directed AND wrote a movie. "Happythankyoumoreplease," which opens March 4, even garnered an audience award at this year's Sundance Film Festival. He plays Sam, a guy whose life vaguely resembles Ted's search for a sense of self.

Jason Segel (Marshall)

One word: Muppets!!! Segel has adults everywhere bouncing in their seats with anticipation for his adaptation of everybody's beloved puppet friends. The flick, which opens Nov. 23, is written and produced by Segel, and also stars Amy Adams, Ricky Gervais, Zach Galifianakis and Jack Black, to name a handful of stars.

Alyson Hannigan (Lily)

The former "Buffy" star seems to be the one cast member happily flying under the radar and keeping life simple. She's probably enjoying her time with husband Alexis Denisof and daughter Satyana, who was born in March 2009.



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- 47 Fight site
- 50 Exhale in relief
- 51 Taxi
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- 58 Blue-pencil
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GRAMMY FIGHT

Never say never to fans of Justin Bieber (left). After Esperanza Spalding (right) beat the teen machine for the Grammy for best new artist on Sunday, a spelling-challenged fan took to Spalding's Wikipedia page and posted "BIBER 4 LYFE!" The Washington Post reports. That comment soon was replaced with "HaHa Justin Bieber, you're just a little boy with no Grammy for Best New Artist," according to the Post. The Wikipedia page was locked for editing after 13 minutes of taunting. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS**



That's the number of videos the Flaming Lips posted to YouTube on Monday. When all the videos are played simultaneously, the result is a new track called "Two Blobs [Bleeping]." Check it out at youtube.com/flaminglipsfree, along with an instructional video filmed in a bathtub.



Knives out

Mean much? After Heidi Montag last week tweeted, "Watch out Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. Here comes Heidi," Bravo network exec Andy Cohen (left) responded, "That trash is delusional and I would sooner stab ... knives into my own eyes than see her on this network." Cohen later told **people.com** that he got

"a little carried away." Yeah, just like Montag has had "a little" work done.

Really, Charlie?

Charlie Sheen probably wasn't on the short list for any anti-drug PSAs, but his interview Monday on Dan Patrick's radio show didn't help. According to **latimes.com**, Sheen described his recent pep talk to the UCLA baseball team like this: "I said, 'Stay away from the crack.' Which I think is pretty good advice, unless you can manage it socially, Dan. If you can manage it socially, then go for it. But not a lot of people can." Oh, boy.



Watson and human Brad Rutter finished with \$5,000 each, according to The Associated Press. The second human, Ken Jennings (above left), was well back with \$2,000. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

Rise of the machine

What is a draw? That's how the first round ended Monday in the three-day man vs. machine match on "Jeopardy!" IBM supercomputer



"I smoke a lot of pot when I write music. ... I drink a lot of whiskey and I smoke weed when I write."

—**Lady Gaga** on Sunday's episode of "60 Minutes." She added, "I don't do it a lot because it's not good for my voice."

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